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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Phillips

Serial No.: 10/613,424

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For: Surgical Retractor with Improved Arms

Examiner: D. Comstock

Group A.U.: 3732

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The Applicant has received the Official Action dated September 9, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are provided herewith on the enclosed pages in accordance with the current requirements of C.F.R. § 1.121 marked *** **VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE** ***.